

***The National Homegoing Celebration***  
***for***  
***The Bishop William Archie Patterson, Sr.***  
***Church Of God In Christ***  
***Bishop Emeritus***



***Saturday, the ninth day of November***  
***Ten o'clock in the Morning***  
***Nineteen Hundred, Ninety-one***  
***anno Domini***

***Mason Temple***  
***Church Of God In Christ***  
***938 Mason Street***  
***Memphis, Tennessee***

***The Bishop Louis Henry Ford***  
***Presiding Prelate***  
***Church Of God In Christ***  
***Chief Officiant***



**“LEST WE FORGET”**



**BISHOP WILLIAM ARCHIE PATTERSON**  
**1898 - 1991**

**ORDER OF HOMEGOING CELEBRATION**

\* Where indicated, please stand

QUIET MOMENTS ..... *The Organist*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP ..... *The Bishop*

**\*THE PROCESSIONAL**

*The Adjutant General*  
*The Presiding Bishop*  
*The Assistant Presiding Bishops*  
*The General Board*  
*The Bishops*  
*The Visiting Clergy*  
*The Family*  
*The Sealing of the Bier*

**\*THE HYMN OF COMFORT** ..... *The Choir and Congregation*  
*“We’ll Understand It Better By and By”*

**\*THE INVOCATION** ..... *The Bishop*

THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Isaiah 40:21-31

THE CHORAL RESPONSE ..... *The Choir*  
*“And In Jesus, I’m Safe Evermore”*

THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – I Thessalonians 4:16-17

**\*THE STATEMENT OF FAITH** ..... *The Bishop*

*We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible written Word of God.*  
*We believe that there is one God eternally existent: God the Father, God the Word and God the Holy Spirit.*  
*We believe in the Blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ, at His return.*  
*We believe that the only means of being cleansed from sin, is through repentance, faith in the precious blood of Jesus Christ and being baptized in water.*  
*We believe that regeneration by the Holy Ghost is absolutely essential for personal salvation.*  
*We believe that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing for the human body in answer to believing prayer.*  
*We believe that the baptism in the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it.*  
*We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling, the Christian is enabled to live a holy and separated life in this present world. Amen.*

THE ANTHEM ..... *The C. H. Mason Memorial Choir*

THE TRIBUTES (3 Minutes)

*The Board of Bishops*  
*The General Church*  
*The Office of the Presiding Bishop*

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP

THE SERMONIC HYMN ..... *The Choir and Congregation*  
*“Amazing Grace”*

THE EULOGY ..... *The Bishop Louis Henry Ford*  
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**\*THE RECESSIONAL**

*Assisting Officials*  
*Members of the General Board*  
  
*The Bishop Chandler David Owens*  
*First Assistant Presiding Bishop*  
*The Bishop Cleveland Landis Anderson*  
*Second Assistant Presiding Bishop*  
*The Bishop Ozro Thurston Jones, Jr.*  
*The Bishop Phillip Aquilla Brooks*  
*The Bishop Samuel L. Green, Jr.*  
*The Bishop J. Neual Haynes*  
*The Bishop Charles Edward Blake*  
*The Bishop Levi E. Willis, Sr.*  
*The Bishop Roy Lawrence Haley Winbush*  
*The Bishop LeRoy Anderson*

**INTERMENT**

*Memphis Memorial Park*  
*Memphis, Tennessee*

*Final Arrangements Entrusted to*  
*J. O. Patterson Mortuary, Inc.*  
*Memphis, Tennessee*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Family of the late Bishop W. A. Patterson, Sr.  
wishes to express their thanks for every act of kindness  
expressed during their time of loss.

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

*The Board of Bishops*  
*Church Of God In Christ*

**ACTIVE PALLBEARERS**

*Superintendents, Pastors, and Elders*  
*Southwestern Michigan First*  
*Tennessee Fourth Jurisdiction*



## -THE OBITUARY-

Bishop William Archie Patterson, the eldest son of Mr. William Marion Patterson and Mrs. Mollie Edwards Patterson was born April 30, 1898, near Derma, Mississippi. After residing in Mississippi until the year of 1917, his family moved to Round Pond, Arkansas.

On December 18, 1921, the Lord beautifully saved him and he received the baptism of the Holy Ghost the following Watch Meeting (New Year's Eve) night. That was a glorious and wonderful experience that he often thanked and praised God for.

On November 25, 1923, he and Mrs. Mary Naulgie Johnson were united in holy matrimony by the late Overseer R.H.I. Clark. A brief married life followed. On November 28, 1925, she was called from labor to reward.

On July 27, 1927, he and Miss Mary Louise Williams were united in the bonds of holy matrimony in Dyersburg, Tennessee by the late Bishop A. B. McEwen. To this union six children were born, three sons and three daughters.

This beautiful union ended when Mother Patterson went to be with the Lord on May 30, 1981 after fifty-four years. Two of his sons also preceded him in death, Frederick Louis Patterson, who died in infancy, and the late Superintendent William Archie Patterson, Jr.

Bishop Patterson lead many souls to the Lord both through evangelism and pastoring. During his long life he held pastorages in Dyersburg, Tennessee; Fulton, Kentucky; Humboldt, Tennessee; Memphis, Tennessee; and the Mother Church in Lexington, Mississippi. (He was the last pastor directly appointed to the Lexington Church by Bishop C. H. Mason.) He also pastored in Brownsville, Tennessee and Detroit, Michigan.

The Lord blessed Bishop Patterson to build the first brick Church Of God In Christ from the ground up in Memphis, Tennessee, which is well known throughout the brotherhood as Holy Temple Church Of God In Christ where he served as pastor for more than fifty-eight years. He served the Humboldt church for twenty-six years. He was in his forty-second year of service at the New Jerusalem Church in Detroit, Michigan, at his demise.

In December, 1958, during the Fifty-first National Convocation he was elevated to the office of Bishop and appointed to a portion of North Carolina. He served there three years and during this time was blessed with eighteen churches and missions. He left the state in fellowship and peace with all. Bishop J. H. Sherman succeeded him in this work.

Bishop Patterson departed this life on Monday, November 4, 1991, from Baptist Memorial Hospital at 8:15 a.m.

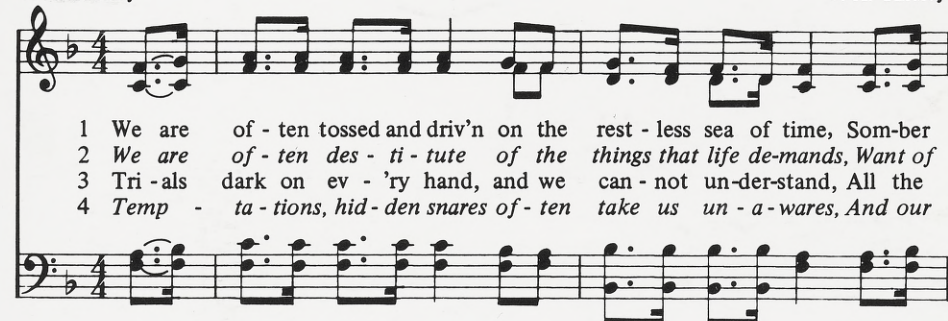
He leaves to cherish his memory one son, Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson of Memphis, three daughters, Mrs. Mary Alice Hawkins, Mrs. Lee Ella Smith of Memphis and Mrs. Barbara Jean Davis of Detroit; eleven grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Alice Dickens of Memphis; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. William Patterson of Dyersburg, Tennessee and Mrs. Mary P. Patterson, of Memphis, Tennessee; one son-in-law, Elder Samuel Smith, Memphis; two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Louise Dowdy Patterson of Memphis, and Mrs. Hazel Guy Patterson of Detroit, Michigan; also a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends whose lives are richer because he lived.

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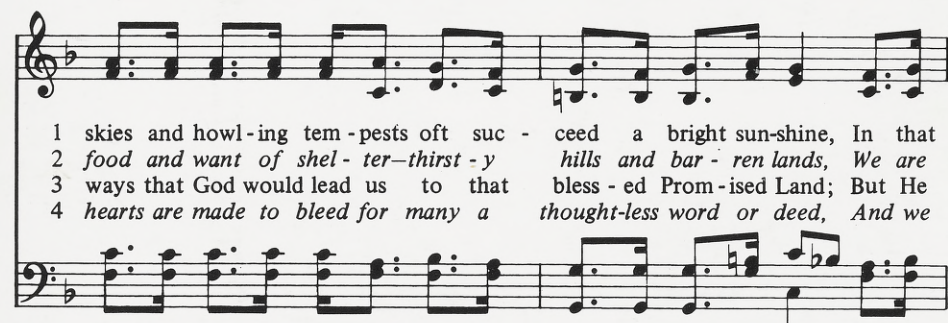
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I Corinthians 14:15

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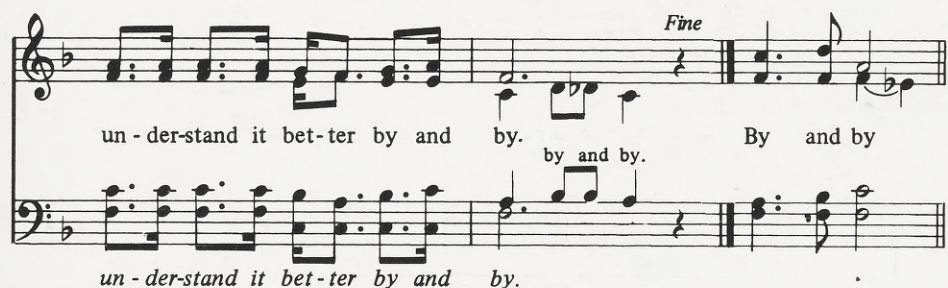


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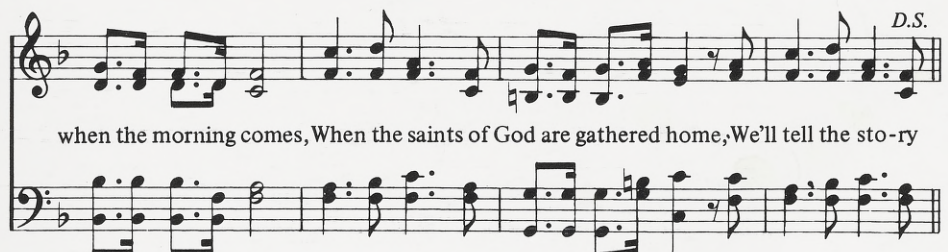


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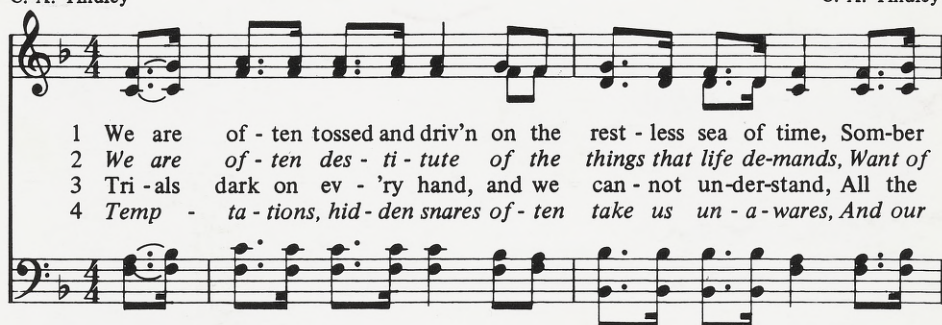
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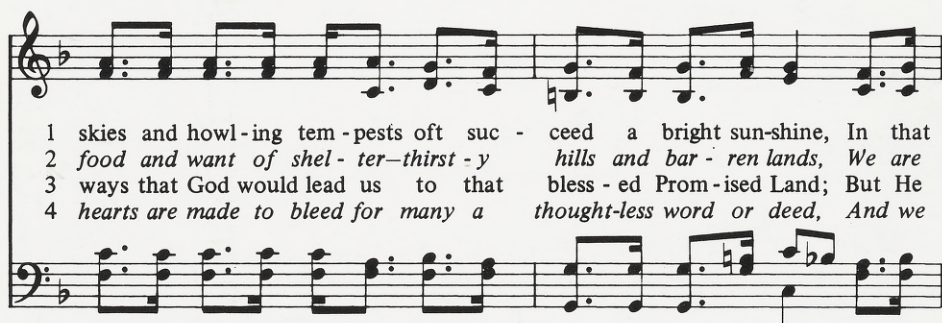
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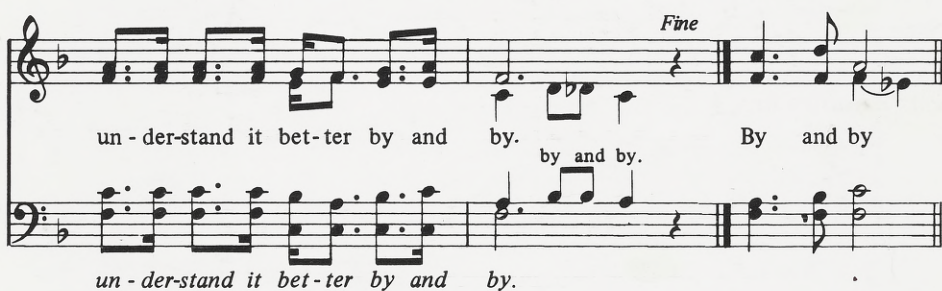


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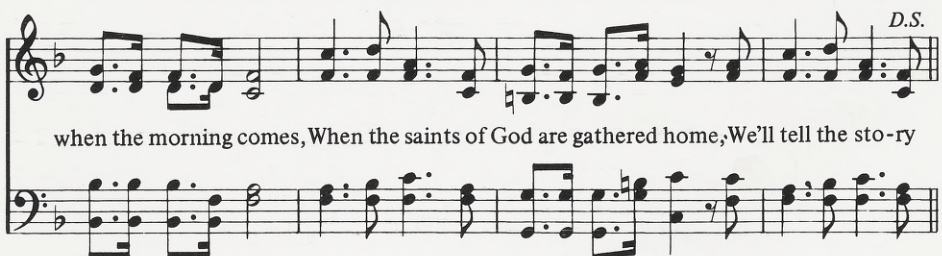


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